

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Environmental Assessment: WY-050-EA14-38

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. Beaver Creek Nos. 9-43 and 15-31 Oil Wells

BLM Federal Oil and Gas Leases WYC-048239 and WYC-048241

Sections 9 and 15, Township 33 North, Range 96 West

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Lander, Wyoming**

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1.1. Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on my review of the analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. Beaver Creek Unit Nos. 9-43 and 15-31 Oil Wells Environmental Assessment (EA), I have determined that the Proposed Action is in conformance with the approved land use plan, and will not have any significant impact on the human, natural and physical environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

The EA shows that adverse impacts to the surface ownership/land use and grazing; socioeconomics; environmental justice; cultural/paleontological resources and Native American religious concerns; soils/watershed; water resource; air quality; vegetation/wetland/noxious weeds; wildlife/fisheries; threatened, endangered, candidate, and special status species; wild horses; visual resources; transportation; and from the use of hazardous materials will all be mitigable impacts. Potentially, substantial positive economic impacts will result for the operator, and local, state, and federal, governments.

The Lander Resource Management Plan (LRMP, 1987) provides for the use of these public lands for this type of oil and gas exploration. The Proposed Action will be in conformance with this land use plan, and no amendments to the LRMP will be necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

In addition, the Selected Alternative is consistent with the LFO Proposed RMP Final EIS (BLM, 2013), and the pending BLM LFO RMP Revision, which has not currently been authorized or accepted, but is anticipated to be signed in spring of 2014.

1.2. Signature:

Field Manager, Lander Field Office, Richard VanderVoet
Attachment: EA No. WY-050-EA14-38

Date